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1. The Tecuci Airport is one of the oldest military airports in Rumania. It was used during the First World War by the Rumanian and Russian Air Forces. Immediately following the first World War and until the advance of the Russians into Rumania in August 1944, the airport served as the principal airport for the Military Pilots School.
2. After 1944 the airport was occupied by a Soviet bomber regiment, using Boston type planes, and partially by the 4th Rumanian Bomber Flotilla, which did not engage in flying, but did possess Savoia-Marchetti type planes.
3. Location: The airport is located in the western part of the city of Tecuci, approximately 400 meters from the outskirts. It is on a flat plateau, with no heights around it, and with no high artificial obstacles. The terrain is hard, and has good drainage, making it usable in any kind of weather.
4. Vicinity: Approximately 200 meters east of the airport is the Tecuci-Barlad railroad, with a freight station. On the west there is a cultivated area. The field is slightly lower than the airport itself. On the south side, right at the end of the airport, runs the Tecuci-Mărgărești road, and approximately 200 meters further away is the Tecuci-Mărgărești railroad. On the north side there is another cultivated field.
5. Position of Airport: It is located 1.5 kilometers south of the village of Coarnești, 200 meters north of the Tecuci-Mărgărești railroad, 3 kilometers east of the Barlad River and 400 meters west of the city of Tecuci.
6. Form and Dimensions: The airport is elliptical in shape, with the following dimensions: north to south 2,400 to 3,000 meters, east to west 1,200 to 1,400 meters. The airport has two concrete runways, running north to south, which is the most used direction. Each runway is 120 to 150 meters wide, enabling two to three planes to take off at the same time. They are 2,200 to 2,400 meters long.

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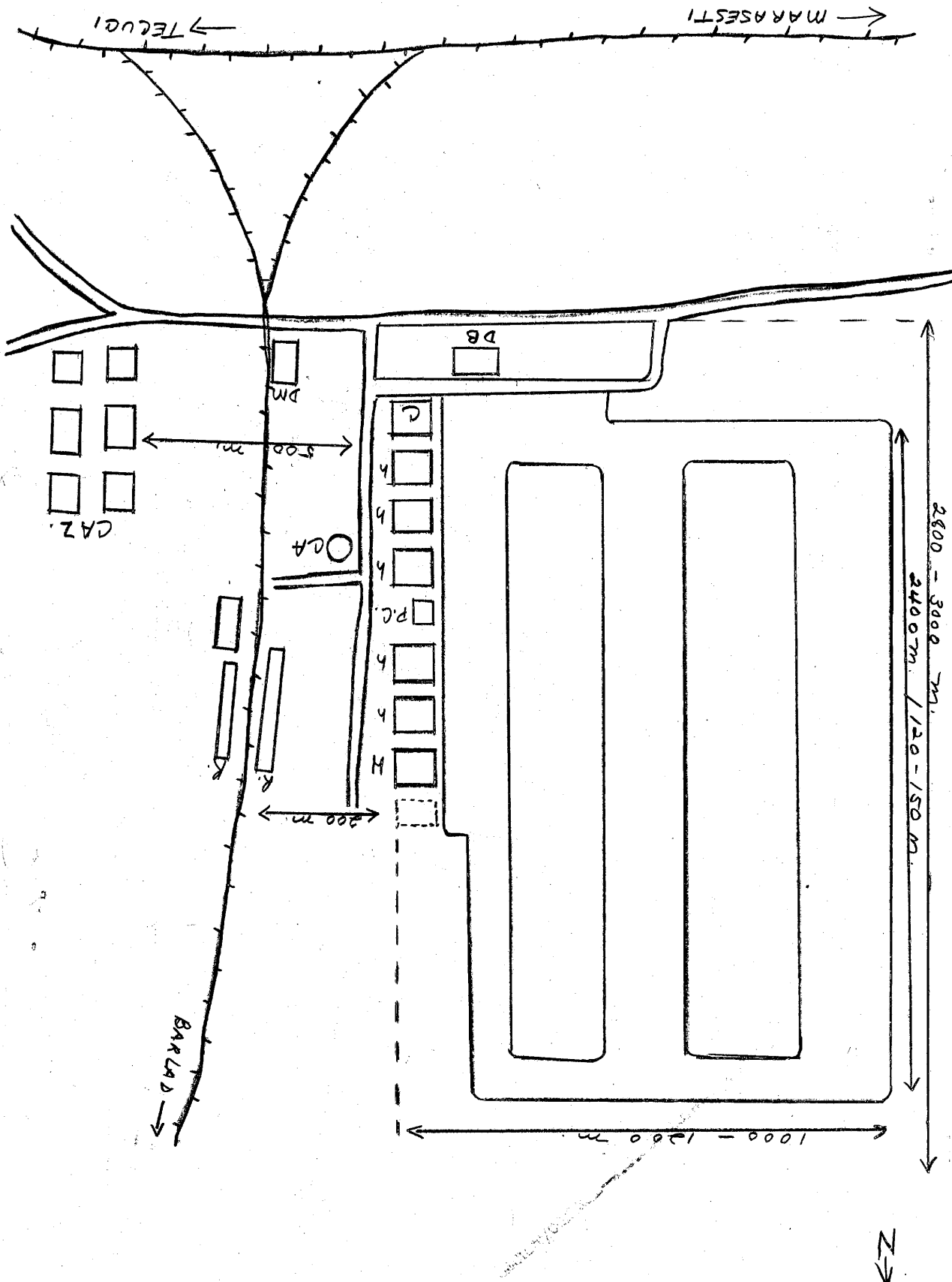


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7. Connecting links: The nearest railroad: the freight station on the Tecuci-Bârlad railroad, approximately 200 meters behind the airport. Tecuci-Mărești stone paved road, located at the edge of the airport.
8. The military equipment of the airport: The airport is used by Pilot School No. 1. The training planes it possesses are of the following types: PO 2, Fleet-G 10, IAR 27, Nardi, Focke-Wulff.

Encl. 1 map of Tecuci Airport. Translation of Map (2 pages).

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Translation of Map .

- DB - gasoline depot, with a capacity of approximately 10 carloads of gasoline and 1 carload of oil, located on the southern side and southeast corner of the airport.
- C - Administration building of the airport.
- DM - Munitions depot, located at approximately 100 meters from the railroad to Barlad, and at approximately the same distance from the Tecuci-Marasesti road.
- h - 5 wooden hangars with metal skeletons. Small size, with a capacity of about 15 to 20 training planes.
- H - A large reinforced concrete hangar, with a capacity of 25 to 30 training planes.
- PC - Command Post where pilot school chief sits during the training flights, and supervises the execution of the program. There is also a hangar which was destroyed by bombing and only its metal skeleton is left.
- CA - Water tower, servicing the airport.
- R - Unloading ramps of the freight station (railroad).
- CAZ - Pilot officers school barracks, with a housing capacity of 2,000 men. The school also has its own repair workshops for partial or general checking of the motors, and partial repairs of the planes.

The radio-meteorological station is located in one building at the airport. Letter "C" on the map.

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